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For Immediate Release:

EIU PLANS DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR HAZING VIOLATIONS

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University announced today that disciplinary action has been recommended for 14 members of the former local chapter of Delta Chi.

Following a lengthy investigation by the University Police Department, nine EIU students were charged with hazing-related violations arising from an off-campus incident in November.

The remaining five students faced complaints of threats or harassment directed toward another student which reportedly occurred when and since the house was closed in January.

Due to privacy laws (FERPA), the university declined to release the names of the 11 active and three former students in question.

Following an eight-hour hearing by the University Judicial Board, recommendations were sent to Lynette Drake, acting vice president for student affairs, for sanctions which range from disciplinary probation to expulsion. The students involved have until Thursday, May 5, to submit any appeals of the board's decision.

"The board concluded that the hazing of prospective members was an accepted practice within the chapter, despite being in direct opposition to both the national standards of the fraternity and of Eastern Illinois University's Student Conduct Code," Drake said. "The board's recommendations reflect the seriousness with which the university views hazing. We simply will not tolerate it, and will take appropriate action when it occurs."

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Bob Dudolski, Eastern's director of Greek Life, added that reports of improper membership intake practices were among the factors which led to the suspension of the chapter's charter by the Delta Chi International Fraternity, effective Jan. 21, 2005.

The action came following a lengthy period in which university officials and active alumni worked together in an unsuccessful effort to improve the chapter, which had less than 40 members. According to Karl Grindel, director of chapter development, "The international fraternity, Eastern Illinois University and involved alumni made every effort to improve the situation. It was in the best interest of the chapter, university and the fraternity that the decision was made to cease operations."

At some point in the future, Grindel added, the fraternity hopes to return to the Eastern Illinois University's campus and be a positive environment for young men. The local chapter was chartered in 1967 and has nearly 1,000 alumni members.

According to Dudolski, "Eastern's Greek community has an overall well-deserved reputation for quality and has been recognized nationally for these efforts.

"The unfortunate acts of a few stand in stark contrast to the accomplishments of more than 2,000 students currently in Greek-letter organizations whose membership procedures allow no room for demeaning and hazardous practices," he said.